



1 1. A computer capable of protecting information stored in a hard disk thereof from  
2 being accessed by an unauthorized user comprising:  
3 an access control system capable of detecting unauthorized attempt to access  
4 said information and generating a protection command signal responsive to said attempt;  
5 and  
6 a guard system capable of degrading at least a portion of said information  
7 responsive to said protection command signal.

1 2. A computer capable of protecting information processed thereby from being  
2 accessed by an unauthorized user comprising:  
3 at least one information processing system for processing said information;  
4 an access control system capable of detecting unauthorized attempt to access  
5 said information and generating a protection command signal responsive to said attempt;  
6 and  
7 a guard system capable of degrading at least a portion of said information  
8 responsive to said protection command signal.

1 3. The computer according to claim 2, wherein said information processing system  
2 comprising at least one information storage unit and further comprising at least one of:  
3 an information read-only unit;  
4 an information write-only unit; and  
5 an information read/write unit.

1 4. The computer according to claim 3 wherein information is stored in said  
2 information storage unit as a plurality of magnetic bands formed on a surface of said  
3 information storage unit.

1 5. The computer according to claim 3 wherein information stored in said information  
2 storage unit comprises at least one of:  
3 a digitized program;  
4 a digitized datum;

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said information storage unit, said eraser unit configured to deliver said chemical substance from said chamber to said information storage unit responsive to said protection command signal.

11. The computer according to claim 8 wherein said eraser unit is disposed adjacent said information storage unit and comprises at least one mechanical member capable of mechanically deforming said information storage unit upon contact therewith.

12. The computer according to claim 8 wherein said eraser unit is disposed adjacent said information storage unit and capable of generating magnetic field around at least a portion of said information storage unit responsive to said protection command signal.

13. The computer according to claim 8 wherein said guard system further comprises a motion device capable of moving at least one of said eraser unit and said information storage unit with respect to the other of said eraser unit and said information storage unit.

14. The computer according to claim C15 wherein said eraser unit further comprises a motion device capable of moving said eraser unit while said eraser unit generates magnetic field therearound.

15. A method of protecting information processed by a computer from being accessed by an unauthorized user comprising the steps of:  
detecting unauthorized attempt to access said information; and  
degrading at least a portion of said information upon detecting said unauthorized attempt.

16. The method according to claim 15 wherein the detecting step comprises the steps of:  
receiving a log-in input; and  
determining validity of said log-in input.



1 17. The method according to claim 15 wherein the detecting step comprises the steps  
2 of:  
3 sensing a disassembly capable of exposing an interior of said computer; and  
4 determining validity of said disassembly.

1 18. The method according to claim 15 wherein said degrading step comprises the  
2 steps of:  
3 contacting at least a portion of said computer with at least one chemical  
4 substance, said portion storing said information; and  
5 altering chemical property of said portion of said computer.

1 19. The method according to claim 15 wherein said degrading step comprises the  
2 steps of:  
3 contacting at least a portion of said computer with at least one chemical  
4 substance, said portion storing said information; and  
5 altering mechanical property of said portion of said computer.

1 20. The method according to claim 15 wherein said degrading step comprises the  
2 steps of:  
3 contacting at least a portion of said computer with at least one chemical  
4 substance, said portion storing said information; and  
5 altering magnetic property of said portion of said computer.

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